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SUBJ: VISIT OF ECUADOREAN CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS TO PERU

1. VICE ADMIRAL RENAN OLMEDO GONZALEZ, ECUADOREAN CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, ARRIVED LIMA VIA AIR MARCH 12 FOR A 6-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PERU AT THE INVITATION OF THE PERUVIAN NAVY. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. THE VISIT OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVY'S BRAND NEW TRAINING SHIP "GUAYAS" TO THE PORT OF CALLAO COINCIDED WITH VICE ADMIRAL OLMEDO'S SUCCESSFUL AND EXTREMELY CORDIAL VISIT.

2. OLMEDO'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDED ROUTINE PROTOCOL VISITS AND A SIDE TRIP TO CUZCO/MACHU PICCHU. PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ RECEIVED HIM IN THE PALACE, AND ALLUDED TO HIS MEETING WITH HIS ECUADOREAN COLLEAGUE IN WASHINGTON DURING THE SIGNING CEREMONIES FOR THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, SAYING THAT THE TWO LEADERS MAINTAIN A CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP RESULTING FROM THAT ENCOUNTER. OLMEDO ALSO PAID A CALL ON NAVY MINISTER PARODI (A PERSONAL FRIEND), THE AIR MINISTER, AND PRIME MINISTER/MINISTER OF WAR MOLINA. HE VISITED NAVAL FACILITIES IN CALLAO AND LAID A WREATH ON THE MONU-
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MENT OF PERU'S MAXIMUM NAVAL HERO, MIGUEL GRAU.

3. SOCIAL EVENTS RELATED TO THE JOINT VISIT HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS AND PARTICULARLY CORDIAL. VICE ADM. OLMEDO WILL HOST A RECEPTION ABOARD THE "GUAYAS" AND AT THE HOME OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVAL ATTACHE FRIDAY EVENING. THE NEW STEEL-HULLED TRAINING SHIP HAS BEEN OPEN TO VISITORS

AND HAS BEEN A POPULAR ATTRACTION.

4. COMMENT: THE VISIT HAS BEEN WELL PUBLICIZED WITH
THE FOCUS ON STATEMENTS OF ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE THINK IT PROBABLY HAS HELPED TO
CALM DOWN A BIT THE PASSIONS AROUSED HERE BY AYALA'S
INJUDICIOUS SPEECH.

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